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## KILLED HIS STEPFATHER; SHOOTING HIM EIGHT TIMES

George Phillips, Killed John Webb,  
Aged 60, Near Plateau Last  
Saturday.

Last Saturday forenoon George Phillips shot John Webb, his stepfather, eight times with a pistol killing him instantly. Phillips left immediately and had not been arrested at last reports. The killing took place two mile north of Plateau, in this county.

The conditions surrounding the killing seem to be about as follows: John Webb had married the mother of George Phillips and some trouble arose between Webb and his wife and she left. As the report goes she is alleged to have told her husband she would go to her son and have him come and kill Webb.

Saturday morning about 9 o'clock George Phillips stopped at the home of Joe Woody on his way to the Webb home and told Mr. Woody that Webb had whipped his little brother and shook his fist under the nose of his mother and he intended to go to Webb and see if he (Webb) would treat him (Phillips) that way. About nine o'clock in the forenoon Saturday Phillips arrived at the Webb home accompanied by his 12-year old brother. Phillips asked Webb why he had whipped the little boy and shook his fist under the nose of his mother? Webb denied having done anything of the kind. Phillips then drew a pistol and began shooting. As Phillips began shooting Webb is said to have turned in the direction of his shotgun and seemed to be trying to get the gun. As Webb turned Phillips shot him twice in the back, one shot passing near the heart and Webb fell dead. Phillips and the boy left at once.

It seems that Webb has no relatives to care for the remains. The remains were brought to town and placed in the undertaking department of Billbre Brothers hardware store awaiting burial by the county. Judge S. N. Smith took steps to have the body properly prepared and the remains were buried in the old part of the cemetery yesterday.

The last information was that Sheriff Walker was following Phillips into Overton county in an effort to affect his arrest.

## CANDIDATE WITHDRAWS.

To the voters of Cumberland County Some five weeks ago I entered the primary as a candidate for the office of Trustee. I have tried to conduct my campaign since that time upon a high plane and spent no money or otherwise used undue influence to obtain votes or support.

It is now evident that the liberal use of money has become necessary in order to be nominated but I will not resort to this means in attempting to secure the nomination. Therefore in justice to my friends I deem it proper to retire from the contest and leave them free to cast their vote and influence as they see proper.

Having been a candidate in the primary I deem it my duty to support the nominees, whoever they may be, therefore will cheerfully do so. I want to thank my friends for their support and assure them that I will remember them.

November 21st, 1921.

LAVADA BLACK.

## BURKE

T. E. Wilson passed through the valley Saturday.

A. V. Miller and J. L. Brown made a peddling trip to Rockwood last week.

Mrs. G. M. Thompson and Mrs. J. S. Selby were called to the deathbed of their brother, W. G. Wilson, near Pikeville. He was found near his barn unconscious on Wednesday. He died Thursday. The community was greatly shocked by his sudden death.

T. L. Hale, of Biglick, attended church at Parham's Chapel Sunday.

Miss Mae Lester, the primary teacher of Parham's Chapel school, returned to Woodville, Ala., where she is principal of the school there.

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## MRS. J. N. FISHER DEAD.

Mrs. J. N. Fisher, wife of the democratic state chairman, died at her home in Carthage, Friday after an illness of two weeks. They had only been married about a year.

## OPEN LETTER

Crab Orchard, Tennessee, Nov. 21. To the voters of Cumberland County—Just a word as the end draweth nigh. The storm is raging but after a storm we always have a calm. I am not appealing to your sympathies neither to your prejudices. I am but a plain blunt man. If I carried a sack of meal home on my shoulder to feed the starving populace, I did my duty. If I went to school and studied I did no more than all the boys and girls are doing to day. You owe it to yourselves and to your posterity.

If I were the only man in the county who could read and write the county would be in a bad fix for I would have to try to hold all the offices and transact all the business by myself. I am glad that others have prepared themselves for the responsibilities of life. I well remember when J. W. Dorton, S. C. Brown, T. S. Parham and others drove through the country in a wagon to Athens, Tennessee, to enter college. Their success is heralded the country over. One of the men above mentioned, whose father fell by a maulers bullet is one of our best and respected citizens to-day. One occupies a position of dignity and honor, one is a well-to-do farmer and bears the name of being the cleverest man in the county. They all did the best they could, but we have before us to day a young lochinvar just out of the West, who claims to have been kicked by a mule. I take it that it unbalanced him as he told me that he would carry 18 precincts out of 22. I offered to bet him \$50.00 he would not, but he would not do that, then I offered a hat and he would not, so he consoled himself by saying he would beat me worse than he did old man Keyes, and Keyes was one of the best men in the county. Mr. Keyes was honest, upright and truthful. Now I have nothing to say derogatory of my opponent except that he believes that all who are delinquent in paying their dog tax should pay the maximum fine and that the papers in certain cases are sometimes lost. I am 58 years old and have made two races for Circuit Court Clerk and was defeated by a small margin each time. I always supported the man who beat me, and will do so again. This young Lochinvar told me if I had waited four years more he would have supported me. I do not think the time required would have justified the benefits received. I have always supported the nominees of the party, have voted for 38 years. He ran when 21 years old cast his first vote for himself. I say this because he was mad at Mr. Keyes and I don't think he voted for him. I promise you if I am elected to serve you the best I can, will try to keep the papers from getting lost, won't double up on your dog tax, nor knock you out of any cost. Why should a man wait for you to claim your costs, the clerk issues the subpoenas, the sheriff summons you and returns subpoena to the clerk and he has them before his eyes. Why not give him his cost? Perhaps he has been in attendance 3 or 4 days, 15 or 20 miles from home, and if the witness don't want the money he can give it back.

He says I am not running in my own interest. I ask every candidate in the field if I have ever promised one of them to vote for them? If I have, go to the poles and tell the voters. I ask your support on principal and right. I am not asking your support because I learned to read and write, I am not asking your support because I worked and helped raise the family when I was a boy, or because my boys and girls are striving to be men and women. Give us a show, give my boy and girl an equal chance, don't plead the baby act.

Yours truly,  
J. F. BROWN.

## GENESIS

Bud Cox, of Creston, is in this vicinity hauling.

John Turner was home for the week end from Davidson.

C. H. McCoy is attending court at Cookeville.

Mrs. Margaret Elmore is reported better at this writing.

Schools at Shiloh and Cross Roads are progressing nicely with good average attendance.

W. J. Turner is erecting a new barn this week.

R. V. Adkins, Hall and Sumner are conducting a revival meeting at Shiloh.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Slettvet and family and Emma J. Tabor were callers at the home of Mrs. Ann Williams Sunday.

Nov. 15. Violet.

## NORTH CROSSVILLE

It was suggested by the Chronicle editor there be some news items sent in from the new part of Crossville, and if somebody in the city doesn't get busy hustling for news, our part of the town is going to beat them; because there's something doing in the "North Side."

School at the new Cumberland College is progressing nicely, students body and faculty working harmoniously—much good work being accomplished. The campus is also putting on a much brighter appearance as the hustling team of school boys are very industriously clearing away the rubbish and showing what an interest they have in presenting a clean and attractive school ground. The chapel exercises Thursday morning were made very interesting by a splendid talk from Rev. Ralph Gillam. He and Rev. R. E. Newton were present at chapel that morning. On Saturday morning Rev. Blue, the new pastor of the M. E. church south of Crossville, and Judge Dorton were present at chapel exercises, and every one present much enjoyed the earnest talk by Judge Dorton.

Three new students entered school last week, and more are expected in this week.

Rainey Henry, son of G. W. Henry, Burke, has purchased a building lot from James Smith opposite W. D. Harrill's new home, and is laying the foundation for a bungalow, the lumber being put on the ground every day, and from all indications the house will be ready for occupancy quite soon.

Mrs. W. D. Harrill has been quite sick from cold and rheumatism, having to call in Dr. Lewis last Monday. Her sister, Mrs. L. A. Cluck, who spent three weeks here has gone to Jefferson and Greene counties for the winter. Mrs. Cluck has recently returned from a western tour where she visited her step-mother in Oklahoma, a sister in Paragould, Ark., friends in Plano and Dallas, Texas, an aunt in Shreveport, La., a friend in Cairo, Ill., a nephew in Murphysboro, Ill., and an adopted daughter in Elwood, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Black were down Sunday seeing their new home which is being erected in this part of town.

The new building lot of T. E. Measamer is being rapidly cleared for the new home, which Mr. Measamer is planning to build some time soon. He and his brother, Maury, were down Friday looking over the ground.

W. D. Harrill shipped a trio of White Wyandotts to Ellenboro, N. C. They were sold at a fancy price to be shown at the State Poultry Show at Elizabeth City the last of this month.

Miss Bonnie Benson, student of the new school, who has been having trouble with her eyes, recently spent the week-end at her home near Livingston, having her eyes examined while there.

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## OPEN LETTER.

To the people of Crossville—We wish to take this opportunity to express to you our appreciation of your hearty co-operation during the two-weeks revival held by the Rev. Ralph Gillam in the Congregational church.

As a result of these meetings many have decided to follow Christ and some united with different churches in the town and still others are pledged to join the church before the week closes. We assure you that Brother Gillam greatly appreciated your interest in the meetings.

We feel that our little church has been wonderfully helped and trust each of the other churches in Crossville have been equally blest. We have never seen such interest taken before, and saying we are grateful does not begin to express our gratitude to you, to Brother Gillam and to God, who is the giver of all good.

Through your help in the free will offering we were able to pay Mr. Gillam one hundred fifteen dollars (\$115.00) for which we are thankful.

In a special way we want to thank those who sang special numbers and in a general way helped to make the singing a success.

To those who were converted during this revival, let us say in the words of the Apostle Paul: Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any praise, think on these things.—Phil. 4:8. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.—Phil. 4:7.

Yours in His service,  
The Congregational Church,  
R. E. Newton, Pastor.

## BIG GOVERNMENT SAVING INDICATES LOWER TAXES

However Should the Soldier Bonus  
Become a Reality Soon, All  
Savings May Vanish.

As a result of the economy program which the present administration inaugurated and has consistently enforced, President Harding has just informed the congress, through a letter to speaker Gillett, that the estimated expenditures for the current year will be 94,000,000 less than an estimate submitted to the Congress on August 4th, last, by secretary Mellon.

Upon that date Secretary Mellon appeared before the Ways and Means committee and informed them that "according to latest advices received from the spending departments, and after taking into account all estimated reductions in expenditure reported to date, the Treasury estimates that the total expenditure for the fiscal year for which provision should be made out of the current revenues of the government will be about \$4,550,000,000."

Within a week after Secretary Mellon had presented this estimate to the Committee on Ways and Means and after the Secretary had had several conferences with the Ways and Means committee, this estimate was revised downward by \$20,000,000, leaving the estimated total expenditure for the current fiscal year about \$4,530,000,000.

That was the estimate of 90 days ago, President Harding, in his letter to Speaker Gillette, says: "At the time this statement was made the results of the imposition of executive pressure upon the spending departments, inaugurated at the meeting called by the President of the body of the business organization of the government, had not been fully developed." Within the last 90 days the results of this pressure in the direction of economy have been very tangible and consequently the President announces the administration will be able to clip \$20,000,000 more from the estimated expenditure of the current fiscal year. This will make a total cut of \$40,000,000 from the original amount which it was estimated would be necessary to run the government during the current year. The total expenditures, according to this revised estimate communicated to the Congress by the President, will be \$3,940,000,000.

If the present armament reduction conference should come to a close by Christmas, as expected, and our naval program of ship building should suddenly cease, as proposed by Secretary Hughes, many millions more would be saved within the next six months following adjournment of the conference.

It does really begin to look as though government taxes will soon be reduced to something near a reasonable basis in spite of the tremendous war debt that is with us and must be paid.

Again, there is that soldier bonus matter that may cost the country several billions within the next few years.

## JUDGE WILL D. WRIGHT DEAD.

Chancellor Will D. Wright and wife were knocked down by an automobile in Knoxville last week. Judge Wright died of his injuries the next day, but his wife was not seriously injured and is expected to recover soon.

Judge Will D. Wright was a brother of Ashbury Wright, one of the most able and prominent lawyers of the state. Both men were well known to many in this county.

## OPEN LETTER.

To the Republican voters of Cumberland county: You, of course are aware that our party is seeking to select a ticket consisting of the best material available for the several offices of your county.

I am only asking a square deal at your hands. You know the office I am seeking. You will recall that when Mr. T. F. Brown, our present trustee, made his first race, I was a candidate against him. I am proud of the vote I received. When he made his second race, I was again a candidate, but withdrew from the race at the request of several of the leaders of our party, who assured me that I would have their support this time, if I withdrew from that race, which I did. In view of these well-known conditions, I feel that I am not asking anything unreasonable when I request the voters to stand by this promise and vote for me next Saturday.

Very respectfully,  
E. B. JONES

## FORMER CITIZEN DEAD AT SAWTELLE, CAL.

Mrs. O. N. Wilcox Succumbs to Severe  
Attack of Meningitis; Husband  
Died in August

We are in receipt of a letter from H. V. B. Smith, Santa Rosa, New Mexico, stating that his mother-in-law, Mrs. O. N. Wilcox, had died at Sawtelle, California, Thursday night November 10, as the result of a severe attack of meningitis. The remains were interred beside her husband at the soldiers Home, near Sawtelle.

O. N. Wilcox died at Sawtelle, California, August 26. He had been in failing health for some time and Mrs. Wilcox was just recovering from an illness of several weeks at the time of his death. She had been steadily improving in health until the sudden attack of meningitis carried her off.

It will be remembered by many Crossville citizens and others over the county, that the Wilcox family came here from the north some 25 years ago or longer and remained citizens until they moved to California. They were most excellent people and were highly esteemed. The family consisted of O. N. Wilcox and wife, two sons and two daughters, all of whom are now married and living in California, except the oldest daughter, Bessie, who is the wife of Attorney H. V. B. Smith, who is remembered in great kindness by many over the county.

## CRAB ORCHARD

Mrs. Wesley Deatherage, who has had a serious operation at Chamberlain Memorial Hospital, Rockwood, is reported as getting along nicely at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Watson visited their daughter, Mrs. DeRossett, and family at Duff recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Watson, of Harriman, visited friends and relatives here last week.

Mitchell Newcomb returned last week from Rome, Ga., where he has been since August. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss Vera Broadwater, who returned to Rome, Friday. Mr. Newcomb will spend the winter with his sister, Mrs. W. A. Baker.

Miss Louise Baker came from Maryville to be at the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. J. S. Rose. She returned to Maryville Tuesday morning.

Lester Martin, of Isoline, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Martin and other relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. E. G. Baker was called to Jefferson City Friday on account of serious illness of her mother, Mrs. W. L. Patton.

Mrs. Theresa Tabor took her little daughter, Pauline, to Dr. Reed for medical treatment Friday.

Mrs. J. M. Cate, of Monterey, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Baker, and brother, T. H. Aytes, here for several days.

E. N. Dickerson, of Glen Alice, visited his son, P. O. Dickerson, and family here last week. He was accompanied home by his son.

Ben Rymer has moved his family from the Elgin farm to a farm near Lenoir City. Clifford Reed has moved from the Fred Hubbard place to Duff.

Mrs. Flora Baker Rose, wife of J. S. Rose, died Saturday, November 12 at 11 p. m. after an illness of ten days, of pneumonia. She was born here and lived here all her life. She was a devoted member of the Baptist church. Few women have ever been more loyal or worked harder for their home church and community than Mrs. Rose. She won the Red Cross medal for more work than any member of Crab Orchard unit. She visited the sick and help bury the dead and helped every where and on any occasion where help was needed. Her death is a distinct loss to the entire community. She leaves a husband, J. Shelly Rose, two sons, Chester and Roy, and three daughters, Jessy, Nellie and Grace. The funeral service was held in the Baptist church at 2 p. m. Monday, November 14th. Undertaker Booth, of Rockwood, in charge. Service was conducted by Rev. Elgin, of Knoxville, and Rev. C. L. Ledford. There were many beautiful floral tributes. Relatives from Crossville attending the funeral were, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Haley, Mr. and Mrs. Raht Haley, Miss Violet Haley, Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Rose, Clay Rose, N. D. Walker and Geo. T. Renfro.

Nov. 21. XX.

A. L. Garrison, secretary to the governor, was home from Nashville the first of the week.